

**TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**Council Members**

Max Demaray, Reeve  
Linda Henhoeffler, Councillor  
Art Versteeg, Councillor

Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve  
Randy Scott, Councillor

**Staff**

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk  
Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator

Mark Farinha, Treasurer/Tax Collector

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Demaray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Reeve noted that if any member wished to declare a pecuniary interest regarding any matter on the agenda, it could be done at this time, when the matter arises, or both.  
None declared at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A copy of draft Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 20th, 2009 was circulated in the Council package.

<b>MOTION #315/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2009, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

**CLOSED SESSION**

<b>MOTION #316/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council at this time (7:01 pm) closes this portion of the November 3rd, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (b), (e), (f)</i> , to deal with personal and legal matters.		
		CARRIED

**Matters Discussed in Closed Session**

- Minutes of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Closed Session (approved by Resolution #317/09)
- By-Law Enforcement – Property Standards
- Legal Matters: Illegal Lotteries  
Statement of Claim

<b>MOTION #318/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the November 3rd, 2009 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (7:43 pm).		
		CARRIED

**RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**Recreation Training Course**

The Ontario Recreation Facilities Association is presenting the 'Ice Maintenance and Equipment Operation' training course in Lucknow. There is funding in the budget for 'Education & Training', and Mr. Skillen has registered for this course.

**MOTION #319/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes Recreation/Facilities Supervisor Skillen to attend the ORFA Ice Maintenance and Equipment Operation course being held in Lucknow, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$630.00 and any other costs associated with his attendance at this course.

CARRIED

**'Smart Serve Training'**

Twenty-eight people attended the Smart Serve Training held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Of those, 20 passed the course and received certificates. Mr. Nelemans contacted those who were unsuccessful, and arranged for a re-test on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Two arrived for the retraining, and two other people also showed up that evening to take the course, which Mr. Nelemans was kind enough to accommodate.

Staff requested clarification about whether Howick taxpayers should shoulder the costs for those who do not pass the course, and for persons from outside the Township. Council directed that staff develop better communication and controls in future, to ensure that:

- access is restricted to Township residents who are assisting or serving on Township Boards;
- that registrants be required to pay for the training, and will be reimbursed if they are successful in passing; and
- that only those who pre-register for the course will be allowed to attend.

Council reiterated that the Township will pay for individuals to take the initial Smart Serve training, but will not pay for re-certification costs.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT****Office Set-up**

Have received new office equipment – desk, chair, fax/scanner/copier, and computer.

**Morris-Turnberry Fire Services**

Discussed Morris-Turnberry [coverage area] boundaries with Administrator/Clerk of Morris-Turnberry.

Also talked with Hanover dispatch about the boundaries with Morris-Turnberry, and the 911 numbers, and when they can be changed over. The boundaries need to be decided before the numbers can be changed.

At the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council meeting, Resolution No. 310/09 was passed by Council outlining a 'Proposal for Provision of Fire Services' to the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. Subsequent to that meeting, and as a result of Chief Doig's discussion with the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of Morris-Turnberry, changes were recommended to the area proposed to be covered by the Howick Fire Department. Council members were notified via e-mail, and all agreed to the recommended changes. Therefore, the 'Proposal for Provision of Fire Services' was amended accordingly and submitted to the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for consideration. A resolution is required to amend Resolution No. 310/09.

**MOTION #320/09****Moved by Yungblut****Seconded by Versteeg**

WHEREAS Howick Township Council, at the Regular Council Meeting held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, enacted Resolution No. 310/09 delineating a proposal for the Howick Township Fire Department to provide Fire Protection Services for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, including the level of services to be provided, and describing the area of Morris-Turnberry to be covered,

AND WHEREAS changes to the boundaries of the above-noted coverage area were recommended and agreed upon,

NOW THEREFORE Howick Township Council hereby amends Resolution No. 310/09 to reflect that the Howick Township Fire Department will provide Fire Protection Services for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry in the following described areas:

1. Concession 'C', Lots 1 through 34 inclusive, including the Hamlet of Belmore
2. Concession 'A', Lots 1 through 10 inclusive
3. Concessions 3 through 12, Lots 1 through 5 inclusive, and Lot 6 adjacent to Schiestel Line and Kieffer Line
4. Concession 2, Lots 1 through 6 inclusive
5. Concession 1, Lots 50 through 60 inclusive.

CARRIED

**Thermal Imaging Camera**

Have contacted two fire apparatus equipment suppliers about imaging cameras.

**Fire Liability Risks Workshop**

Reeve Demaray, Deputy Chief Edgar and myself attended the liability workshop "Managing Fire Liability Risks" on October 30<sup>th</sup> in Bright's Grove.

**New Recruits - Medical Exam**

Could I get clarification regarding payment of the cost of the medical exam for new recruits. It is my understanding that Council agreed to pay for medical exams for existing firefighters. Since applicants are requested to undergo a medical exam as a requirement for joining the Fire Department, would Council consider paying for, or reimbursing this cost, but only for those applicants who are actually hired?

Council agreed to pay or reimburse the cost of medical exams for applicants who are hired.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The following report and supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

**Change in Assessment**

The attached schedule details a net change of \$1,563 in assessment due to Minutes of Settlement.

<b>MOTION #321/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to apply revisions to the assessment of, and process property tax adjustments for the affected properties, as listed on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto, said schedule reflecting Minutes of Settlement amending property assessments as follows:			
	<b><u>Reductions</u></b>	<b><u>Additions</u></b>	<b><u>Net Adjustment</u></b>
For the Year 2009	\$524,292.00	\$522,729.00	<b>(\$1,563.00)</b> CARRIED

**ADDENDUM**

**Additional Property Assessment Adjustments**

A Schedule of changes, including reductions, class changes, and omitted assessments (ie. improvements/new construction) received recently was provided at the meeting for Council’s authorization.

<b>MOTION #322/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to apply revisions to the assessment of, and process property tax adjustments for the affected properties, as listed on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto, said schedule reflecting Minutes of Settlement amending property assessments as follows:			
	<b><u>Reductions</u></b>	<b><u>Additions</u></b>	<b><u>Net Adjustment</u></b>
For the Year 2007	\$ 0	\$ 458,300.00	\$ 458,300.00
For the Year 2008	\$ 69,220.00	\$ 778,520.00	\$ 709,300.00
For the Year 2009	\$ 59,495.00	\$ 1,112,659.00	<u>\$1,053,164.00</u>
<b>Total Net Adjustment</b>			<b>\$2,220,764.00</b> CARRIED

**Green Jobs Strategy**

Reeve Demaray and I attended a Clerks and Treasurers meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We attended the first two presentations which were made by Bill King (solar power) and Bernie McLellan (wind power). The cost for each system runs around \$100K of which \$50K would come from the Government. To date the Government has not committed to funding. Delivery for the solar panels for example is 2 months and any projects undertaken must be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. This all resulted from a request by MPP Lobb for expressions of interest in such projects in order to further stimulate the economy. Meeting Minutes are attached. An Information package was available for Council’s review.

Due to the time constraints, unapproved funding and lack of thorough (or any) feasibility studies, Howick should defer participation in this program at this time.

It was noted during discussion, that one stipulation is that any projects include a certain percentage of “made in Canada” content. In the case of solar projects, compliance would be impossible since there are no manufacturers of solar panels in Ontario.

**Insurance Services - RFP**

The County and Lower Tier Municipalities wish to get an RFP for insurance services because Sun Life’s and Mosey’s costs keep increasing each year. It will cost each Municipality an estimated \$200 for consultant services to put the RFP together. I am requesting Council’s approval to proceed with the RFP and to contribute to the cost. The expectation is that we will garner savings on our annual insurance bills and or brokerage commissions.

**MOTION #323/09****Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes Howick's participation in the collaborative initiative to formulate a 'Request for Proposal' to provide Group Insurance Benefits to the County of Huron and the lower tier municipalities, and agrees to pay Howick's determined share of the cost to engage a consultant to prepare the Request for Proposal.

**CARRIED****Trillium Grant**

Correspondence attached from Trillium confirming they are satisfied with the use and reporting regarding their pool grant. I am asking Council members to give the Trillium website address to their Boards and any other associations. Trillium may have additional resources that can be tapped into. ([www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org))

**Accounting Records – Belmore Community Centre Board (BCC)**

No records have been provided to the Township since the year began. The BCC Treasurer needs to comply with Township policy and the control principles of proper financial management. Year-end is just 2 months away.

I have asked Councillor Scott to bring this up at the next BCC Board Meeting.

Councillor Scott advised that he has already spoken with the Board Chair regarding the matter, and commented that Treasurer Farinha should have brought this to their attention sooner.

**Accounts Payable**

The attached Accounts are presented for Council's review and approval.

**MOTION #324/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$225,040.25** under date November 3, 2009 as cheques #8573 to #8630 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

**CARRIED****PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The following report as at October 30<sup>th</sup> and supporting documentation were provided at the Council meeting:

**ROADS****PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS**

- Grading
- Plow Equipment on the truck

**FORDWICH STREET CONSTRUCTION**

Hanna & Hamilton Construction should reach substantial completion this week. Finishing touches are being done on catch basins, and there have been a few problems with people driving on the new sod. Although work was somewhat delayed due to weather and a labour shortage, Mr. Wilson feels the workmanship is good. Due to a slight drop in the price of paving, it is hoped that the project will be completed under the budgeted cost.

**GOUGH ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Construction is complete.

**MUNICIPAL GARAGE ADDITION**

The footings were poured on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the foundation should be completed the week of November 1- 6. The forms will be done today, ready for pouring tomorrow.

**BACKHOE TENDER**

Tenders are almost ready to be sent out. I am expecting to have a closing date of November 16<sup>th</sup> for reporting to Council on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CONTRACT SNOW PLOWS**

Contract extensions for D'Arcey Sand & Gravel Limited and William Dickert are available for Council approval. Plowing rates remain the same as last year at \$71.50 per hour. The "standby rate" is to increase from \$64.00 per day to \$71.50 per day. I would recommend approval of these contracts. (Decision requested)

The standby rate has not increased for a couple of years. We supply fuel for both contractors. Fuel costs for both trucks average \$15.76 per hour. The total cost then is approximately \$71.50 + \$15.76 = \$87.26.

North Perth called Tenders this year. Only two bids were received. The tenders were \$85.00 per hour; \$90.00 standby and \$100.00 per hour; \$100.00 standby.

South Bruce called for tenders twice earlier this year and didn't have any bidders. They paid \$84.50 per hour and \$84.50 standby last year.

**MOTION #325/09**

**Moved by Henhoeffer**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to extend the winter maintenance contracts with D'Arcey Sand and Gravel Limited of Fordwich and William Dickert of Wroxeter at the following rates:

- Snow Plowing at \$71.50 per hour plus fuel
- Stand-by at \$71.50 per day

CARRIED

**OGRA/ROMA CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 21-24, 2010**

A preliminary program is enclosed. Rooms can be booked on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Can I receive an indication of who is going so that the rooms can be booked?

Reeve Demaray and Councillors Versteeg and Henhoeffer indicated intention to attend, and Deputy Reeve Yungblut is to let Mr. Wilson know tomorrow.

**BUILDING**

**BUILDING REPORT**

Deputy Treasurer Weishar prepared the enclosed report for your information, indicating activity to the end of October, as follows:

<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
67 Building Permits	\$5,103,800.00	\$26,990.56
17 Septic System Permits	\$ 176,500.00	\$ 4,750.00
2 Demolition Permits	\$ 0	\$ 0

Construction values and revenues are up slightly from last year, due mainly to several large residential units.

**DRAINAGE** - NO REPORT

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** - NO REPORT

**LANDFILL** - NO REPORT

**OTHER** - NO REPORT

**CORRESPONDENCE** (Information only)

- Drain Statistics - This is information related to municipal drain activity for 2008/2009
- Think Plastics – Information regarding the bale wrap program

**CLERKS REPORT**

The following report as at Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

**ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES (AODA)**

**'Customer Service' Training**

So far, only four of the fifteen Local Boards / Committees have responded and plan to send members for the Customer Service Training.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**1. Annual Emergency Management Program Compliance**

It is time again for the *Emergency Management Program Committee* to meet and finalize the Program for 2009. The components still to be completed are:

- a. Review the Plan and Appendices and update as required.
- b. Review the 'Community Risk Profile'
- c. Review the 'Critical Infrastructure' list
- d. Conduct Emergency Control Group (ECG) training
- e. Conduct the annual Exercise

Could we set a date for the Program Committee to meet to deal with the above matters.

The Committee will meet at the Council Chambers on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**2. Annual Emergency Control Group (ECG) Training and Emergency Exercise**

The plan is to hold a one-day event similar to last year, with the ECG training in the morning and a tabletop exercise in the afternoon.

Gary Wood, Huron County CEMC has agreed to facilitate the training and exercise, and EMO Field Officer Steve Beatty would like to attend, but he will only be available in mid-December, so we are aiming for a date during the week of Dec. 14-18. I will be meeting with Gary Wood in the near future to plan and organize the event.

It was determined that December 16<sup>th</sup> was the date suitable to most Council and staff members for holding the training and exercise.

### **3. Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Emergency Exercise**

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has asked me to attend their Emergency Exercise on Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> to be an evaluator. I respectfully request Council's authorization to attend this event.

#### **ADDENDUM**

An invitation was also received from Morris-Turnberry to be an evaluator at their emergency exercise on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Johnson advised that, since Fire Chief Doig is now the Alternate CEMC for Howick, she enquired if he would be interested in being an observer at these events to gain experience. He is available to attend.

#### **MOTION #326/09**

**Moved by Yungblut**

**Seconded by Henhoeffter**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Clerk / CEMC and the Fire Chief / Alternate CEMC to attend the Emergency Management exercises in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, and agrees to pay the cost of transportation to these events.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Huron County Emergency Management**

Enclosed is a letter from Gary Wood, Huron County CEMC, concerning a proposal (see copy attached) to have a centralized CEMC to deal with administration, development and training for all Huron municipalities. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from North Huron advising that Council adopted a resolution supporting the uploading of this service. Gary Wood would be glad to meet with Council to discuss the concept.

Clerk Johnson suggested that Mr. Wood could address this issue at the training session.

### **5. EMO Provincial Emergency Management Co-ordinating Committee**

Enclosed is an update of the EMO Management Committee's current initiatives, including:

- Pandemic Preparedness
- EMO Strategic Planning
- G8 Summit Planning and Preparation
- G8 Consequence Management Exercise Strategy
- EM Program Consultation – Ministry & Municipal
- Incident Management System
- EM Enterprise Solution Project

### **AMCTO TRAINING**

A "Records Retention and Management" workshop (see information attached) will be held at the Town of Mono on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Since this is a significant function of her position, Administrative Assistant Bennett would very much like to attend. Registration is \$205.80.

#### **MOTION #327/09**

**Moved by Henhoeffter**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of Administrative Assistant Michele Bennett at the AMCTO workshop "Records Retention and Management" being held in the Town of Mono on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$205.80 and any other costs associated with her attendance at this workshop.

**CARRIED**

### **CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Huron Heritage & Culture Partnership** – invitation to participate in planning the "Doors Open, Haunted Huron" event for 2010. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Health Unit in Clinton. Reeve Demaray is hoping to attend.

Reeve Demaray did attend the meeting and reported that the 'Open Doors' theme for 2010 is "Canada Company". Registration must be submitted by December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and the cost is \$500.00 minimum per municipality. He noted that Howick did not participate last year, but the Maitland Mill was open during the event. Councillor Henhoeffter noted that quite a number visited the Mill. The general consensus was that Howick will not participate in 2010.

**MOTION #328/09****Moved by Yungblut****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council authorizes the attendance of Reeve Demaray at the planning meeting held November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the “Open Doors, Haunted Huron” event for 2010, and agrees to pay the expenses associated with his attendance at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

2. **Council of the County of Huron** – invitation to attend the “Launch of Huron’s PRISM 911 at the County Council Chambers on Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am. This event is being held in conjunction with County Council meeting, and therefore, Reeve Demaray will be in attendance.
3. **County of Huron** – invitation to the 2010 Warden’s Election, Inaugural Session of County Council, and Reception on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Morris-Turnberry Mayor Dorothy Kelly and Central Huron Reeve Bert Dykstra have declared candidacy for the Warden’s chair. Several Council members and Treasurer Farinha indicated they plan to attend this social event.
4. **Huron Tourism Association** – request for Membership renewal: request to update information for the 2010 Vacation Guide. Council directed that the standard membership of \$125.00 be paid. It was noted that the Vacation Guide may be updated on-line.
5. **Mayor, City of North Bay** – asking Mayors across Ontario to join in the letter-writing campaign to battle the “Buy American” stimulus program. Noted & discussed. Action: File

**MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Perth, County of** – requesting that the Municipal Property Assessment Corp. (MPAC) be required to disclose pending assessment changes to municipalities; that MPAC process outstanding building permits, and that new permits be processed in a timely manner; and that the Ministry of Finance be requested to reconcile the 2009 OMPF, and to adjust 2010 OMPF calculations to proper values. Noted & discussed. Action: File
2. **Wainfleet, Township of** – objecting to Ministry of Natural Resources designations of *Provincially Significant Wetlands* on the municipality’s mapping. PWC Wilson advised that the Ministry uses aerial photos to identify “wetland” areas, which they then designate “*Provincially Significant Wetlands*” without any public consultation. He agrees that aerial photos are not the most suitable for this purpose, and that the lack of public consultation is inappropriate. Council agreed that this resolution should be supported.

**MOTION #329/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from the Township of Wainfleet objecting to the Ministry of Natural Resources designations of *Provincially Significant Wetlands* on the municipality’s mapping, and Howick Council hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Wainfleet.

**CARRIED****BY-LAWS****By-Law No. 24-2009 – To Authorize Agreement under RInC Program****MOTION #330/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 24-2009, being a by-law to authorize entering into an Agreement with the Province of Ontario under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada in Ontario (RInC) Program.

**CARRIED****CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- Minutes of the closed session held October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- By-Law Enforcement Officer – Property Standards Issue
- Legal Matter – Statement of Claim

NB – Closed session held early on agenda, following approval of Minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Belmore Community Centre Board** – next meeting Nov. 16th

### **Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)**

Councillor Henhoeffler reported:

- CHIP representatives Ray Hurd and Connie Black attended North Huron Council to thank Council for the participation of the late Councillor Murray Nesbitt on the CHIP Committee, and to encourage Council to appoint a replacement.
  - The Committee continues to work at removing or re-covering the old Road Watch signs.
  - Several CHIP members (including Ms. Henhoeffler) attended the “Not by Accident” conference. Statistics report the following causes of injuries/deaths:
    - #1 – Other
    - #2 – Motor Vehicle Accidents
    - #3 – Falls (older females)
    - #4 – Suicides
  - Discussion is ongoing regarding initiatives for the upcoming year, such as:
    - ATV safety / training (encountering problems with accessibility to ATV trails)
    - Keeping roads safe – focusing on seniors
  - An application for grant funding will be submitted to MTO (has provided support in past)
- Reeve Demaray noted that the County has had discussion about providing support funding to CHIP.
- Next meeting to be held Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **County of Huron**

Reeve Demaray reported:

- County Council will consider a resolution received from the ‘Community Schools Alliance’ asking for a “smart moratorium” on disputed school closings (copy provided).
- Avon Maitland District School Board representative Jenny Versteeg will attend the next County Council meeting to address school accommodation review and school closures.

### **Huron Bruce Transit**

Councillor Scott reported from the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- A representative from Ministry of Transportation (MTO) was asked to clarify uses of the Gas Tax funds. He advised that such information was outside his authority, and would need to be answered by the Policy branch.
- A representative from the MTO Policy Branch will be invited to attend the next Board meeting.
- Board members are scheduled to meet with MPP Carol Mitchell in November.

### **Huron County Farm and Home Safety** - no report

### **Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)**

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Board meeting #8/09 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Minutes of Board hearing #4/09 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Councillor Versteeg reported from the October Board meeting:

- The 5-year Financial Plan was reviewed.
- Board members agreed that it is not acceptable to continue increasing municipal levies by 8%-10% each year.
- The Board is attempting to hold to a 5% increase next year.
- MVCA staff are being delegated to attend municipal Council meetings to give a presentation relating to the municipal aspects of MVCA responsibilities.
- MVCA staff have historically been underpaid, and the Board is attempting to gradually increase remuneration in order to retain good staff.
- MVCA Engineer Steve Jackson has been devoting a good deal of work reviewing statistics of flooding events throughout the watershed, with a view to identifying and improving ways of forecasting flood situations, such as installing more gauges in rivers.
- Ministry of Natural Resources, which does the modeling for establishing flood levels based on historic data (ie. 1-in-a-100 year model), recently re-established the Benmiller area at a lower level. Mr. Jackson disagrees with lowering established flood levels.
- The portable classroom at the Wawanosh Nature Centre is in poor condition and must be replaced.

### **Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA)**

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- ‘GreenSideUp’ Newsletter, Issue #3
- Poster “Christmas in the Country” event being held Nov. 27-29, 2009

### **MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)**

Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported from the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in Wingham:

- The Pre-draft Plan, compiled with information from the Assessment Report, was reviewed.

- Each municipality is requested to review the information pertinent to it. Howick has no municipal water systems.
- The Draft Plan will be forthcoming in the near future.

### **SVCA Source Water Protection**

Council received copies of the following addendum at the meeting:

- Minutes of Meeting #19 September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Wingham Area Fire Board (WAFB)** – next meeting November 18th

## **COUNCILLORS ISSUES**

### **Certificate of Recognition**

Reeve Demaray advised that Mr. & Mrs. Anson Ruttan will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fordwich Community Hall. He noted that, although they no longer reside in Howick Township, they are former long-time residents, with family and ties in the Township. Council agreed that presentation of a Certificate would be appropriate.

### **Wroxeter Riverbank Project**

Responding to a question about the status of this project, PWC Wilson advised that the engineer has viewed the site and is presently doing the design work.

**CLOSED SESSION** – held at beginning of meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) (copies attached)**

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
  - Alert No. 09-070 – *Report on Waste Diversion Act Review* soon to be released by Province
  - Alert No. 09-071 – *Bill 168, Violence & Harassment in the Workplace* passed second reading
  - Alert No. 09-072 – Minister of Finance delivers Fall Economic Statement – projecting a \$24.7 billion deficit for 2009-10.
- Centre for Rural Leadership** – ‘Industry Transition - Planning for the Future’ Pork Producer Workshop at OMAFRA Office in Clinton Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
- Middlesex-London Health Unit**
  - H1N1 Influenza Pandemic Current Status Update, October 19, 2009
  - H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Clinics in London

## **CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (Oct. 19 – Oct. 30, 2009) (No copies attached)**

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
  - Alert No. 09/073 – Province moving forward on implementation of Early Learning and Child Care
  - Alert No. 09/074 – *Good Government Bill* proposes changes to *Municipal Elections Act*.
  - Alert No. 09-075 – *Report on Waste Diversion Act Review* released – AMO to respond.
  - AMO/LAS FYI No. 09-004 – Cowan Insurance is new group Home & Auto Insurance Partner.
  - AMO/Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network (OMKN) – concludes new funding agreement with Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing to continue developing the Network
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing**
  - Ontario Ombudsman presents new edition of *The Sunshine Law Handbook*
  - Province continues investment in *Municipal Internship Program (MIP)*
  - Encouraging support and participating in Local Government Week Oct. 18-24
  - Bill 212, Good Government Act, 2009* now posted on e-law. The Bill amends or repeals certain Acts and enacts two new Acts.
- Ontario Hospital Association** – Educational Services Needs Assessment Survey
- Foundation for Rural Living** – launching 2009-10 ‘Rural Development Officer (RDO) Program - JCP Model’ – recruits and places unemployed persons as RDO’s with partner organizations.
- Youth Taking Action 2010** – *Society for Educational Visits & Exchanges* in partnership with *Department of Canadian Heritage, Official Languages Support Programs* provides funding for community projects. Application deadline is Nov. 19, 2009.
- Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers Ontario (AMCTO)**
  - AMCTO now accepting applications from host municipalities for the 2010-11 Ontario Municipal Internship Program. Deadline for applications is Dec. 14, 2009.
  - 2009 UWO Local Government Conference, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – “*Certainty in Uncertain Times: The Role of Local Government in a Changing Economy*”.
  - Province proposing changes to *Municipal Elections Act*.
- Ontario Provincial Police**
  - Media Alert – “Harvest Season and Slow-Moving Farm Equipment”
  - Media Alert – “Slow Down or Move Over” for emergency vehicles
- Communities in Bloom** – October newsletter
- Ontario Property & Environmental Rights Alliance** – Essa Township passes resolution asking for an independent review on the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority permit and levy fees.

j) **Huron Business Development Corp**

- Next "Better Business" Seminar "Cutting Out the Crap – Quickbooks Done Quickly" Nov.5th
- Final schedule of "Better Business" Seminars 2009 series

k) **Huron Tourism**

- Seaforth "Spirit Weekend" – Spirit Night, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at VanEgmond Home
- Blyth Festival: "Something to Crow About" Biennial Gala Dinner & Auction, Oct.24<sup>th</sup>  
Jon Kimura Parker in concert on Blyth Festival Stage Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>
- MacGougan Manor Bed & Breakfast will cater your Christmas party
- Golf Channel Network "Chasing the Dream" on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> will feature segments from the Seaforth County Classic.
- The Livery in Goderich presents ISSA (Jane Siberry) Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm
- Bayfield and Clinton Guiding "Centenary Celebration Calendar 1910-2010" available - \$10.00 ea.
- Huron Tourism News, Autumn 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #331/09**

**Moved by Versteeg**

**Seconded by Henhoeffter**

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:20 pm, with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

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